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Act 1181 of 2003

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# Lake View Decision

November 11, 2002

**Arkansas Supreme Court affirmed that  
educational facilities are:**

- Inadequate
- Unequal
- In violation of the state constitutional  
guarantees of a free, adequate, efficient,  
and substantially equal public education  
for the children of Arkansas



# The 84th General Assembly - 2003

- The Arkansas General Assembly in Regular Session of the 84<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of 2003, has established a joint legislative committee under Act 1181 of 2003, AN ACT TO CREATE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- To this end, the General Assembly established the "JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES" in April, 2003.



# The 84th General Assembly

- The General Assembly is ultimately responsible under Lake View to determine facilities adequacy and to confirm substantial facilities equality throughout the state.
- Recognized the need to have a statewide school facility study.



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## Joint Committee on Educational Facilities Responsibilities Under Act 1181 of 2003

1. Review and employ the opinion of the Supreme Court in the Lake View Case.
2. Recommend what constitutes an adequate school facility for:
  - ☐ Elementary Education
  - ☐ Middle School Education, and
  - ☐ High School Education



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## Joint Committee on Educational Facilities Responsibilities under Act 1181 of 2003

3. Recommend a method of providing substantially equal facilities and equipment for all schools in Arkansas.
4. Establish a process to conduct a review and assessment of all public school facilities in the state.
5. Recommend policies and criteria to determine renovation, replacement, or discontinuation of inadequate buildings



## Joint Committee on Educational Facilities Responsibilities under Act 1181 of 2003

6. Recommend the cost of an adequate school facility in Arkansas.
7. Recommend a method of funding the cost of an adequate and substantially equal school facility.
8. Recommend a method to assess, evaluate, and monitor the school facilities across the state *to ensure that adequate and substantially equal facilities are, and will continue to be provided for Arkansas' school children.*



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# Scope of Educational Facilities

- 308 Independent School Districts
- 5,700 Buildings
- 80 million sq.ft. floor space





# Facilities Assessment Goals

- All buildings must be assessed
- Assessment must be standardized
- Assessment must be uniformly applied
- Assessment must be objective
- Consistently evaluated & reported



# Legal Requirements

- State law requires that the assessment must be made by registered professional architects and/or engineers who have demonstrated capabilities in educational facilities.
- The Court has mandated that self-assessment will not be allowed.



# The Task Force

- The Joint Committee established the Task Force in June, 2003 to be its designee in carrying out the work of the facilities assessment and related activities.
- The Task Force will report its findings to the Joint Committee prior to the meeting of the 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.



# Task Force Membership

- All Task Force members are volunteers and are government officials and private citizens representing:
  - The Legislature
  - Independent School Districts
  - State Code Enforcement
  - State Government Agencies
  - Private Industry
  - Design/Engineering/Construction



# Task Force Goals & Objectives

- Define adequacy of facilities
- Determine the adequacy of facilities
- Establish the overall cost for achieving and maintaining facilities adequacy
- Establish GIS locations for facilities
- Establish a permanent interactive facilities data base



# Scope of Work Plan

- **A Two Phase Plan**
- **Phase I Plan – General:**
  - General Scope of Work Plan submitted to the Joint Committee on November 13, 2003
  - Begin the development of the Specific Scope of Work Plan



# Scope of Work Plan

- **Phase II Plan – Specific**
  1. Establish Assessment Headquarters
  2. Determine Facilities Standards
  3. Develop “State of Condition”
  4. Develop a Critical Path Schedule
  5. RFP for facilities assessment
  6. Issue “Notice to Proceed”
  7. Prepare cost models for SOC & SOW



# Scope of Work Plan

- **Phase II – Specific**

8. Prepare scheduled maintenance plan
9. Determine cost for achieving and maintaining facilities adequacy
10. Determine priorities and timeframes for correcting deficiencies
11. Recommend monitoring procedures
12. Submit draft report by October 31, 2004
13. Submit final report by December 1, 2004





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# Cost of Facilities Assessment

Project Budget Summary			
	Phase I	Phase II	Totals
Staff	\$439,323	\$1,053,646	\$1,492,969
Sub-Consultants	\$380,000	\$415,000	\$795,000
<b>Total Program Manager Fees</b>	<b>\$819,323</b>	<b>\$1,468,646</b>	<b>\$2,287,969</b>
Expenses	\$107,365	\$194,110	\$301,475
Equipment	\$95,000	\$99,990	\$194,990
<b>Total Equip. &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$202,365</b>	<b>\$294,100</b>	<b>\$496,465</b>
GIS Development	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$125,000
Design Manual	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Optional Additional Services</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$325,000</b>
Assessment	\$0	\$6,400,000	\$6,400,000
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,400,000</b>	<b>\$6,400,000</b>
Task Force Contingency	\$50,000	\$440,566	\$490,566
<b>Total Project Budget</b>	<b>\$1,096,688</b>	<b>\$8,903,312</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

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# Technology

## Facilities Technology Infrastructure

1. Electrical power system (NEC)
2. Local Area Network (LAN)
3. Wide Area Network (WAN)
4. Video System
5. Campus Voice System
6. Compressed Video Conferencing System
7. On-Sight Technical Support



# Custodial/Maintenance

- Interim Custodial/Maintenance Standards
- Mandated national consensus best practice custodial/maintenance standards to be required for future operations



# Conclusion

- Facilities adequacy is a dynamic issue
- Assessment is based on current standards
- Incremental costs will be proposed for:
  - Higher national consensus standards
  - Acoustics
  - Energy efficiency, e.g. LEEDS
  - ADA revisions
  - Hazardous materials
  - Other emerging issues



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